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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Science and Technology

FROM : Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request for System Development Support

1. This memorandum requests technical support from the Office of Development and Engineering (OD&E) for the Office of Central Reference's (OCR)

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2. OCR became aware of OD&E's experience and capabilities in the development of high technology systems involving mass data storage and automation, and requested a technical briefing on optical disk recorder technology. This briefing led to several informal discussions between the two offices on a potential file system. OCR now desires to formally initiate an arrangement for technical support from OD&E.

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3. OCR is responsible for maintaining

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Over the years, these files have grown

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The file is currently maintained on paper. OCR has been searching for suitable technology to automate these files. OCR would like OD&E assistance in refining the existing system requirements, developing a system design, writing contract proposals, selecting contractors, supervising contractors and installing the system. OCR has funds in its FY 83 and FY 84 budgets to cover the preliminary work and is planning to request major funding in FY 85 for system development and equipment costs.

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4. OCR is considering a phased approach to defining and acquiring the The first phase is to plan and execute a utility test in FY 83 using an appropriate combination of both already available and new components. The system requirements would be further refined and validated by this test. OCR is prepared to provide funding for OD&E contractor support during this phase.

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5. I believe that a cooperative effort of this type could be of substantial benefit to both Directorates and to the Agency as a whole. OD&E's experience and know how will provide OCR with the type of technical assistance it needs to accomplish this large task.

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6. If you agree to this project, please have a designated OD&E team leader contact [redacted] to begin preliminary discussions. OCR would like to begin this proposed activity as early as practical in 1983. [redacted]

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